

ETERNAL LIVING

What Jesus Really Meant
About Eternal Life

IceBreaker (Pick one):

- 1. If you could apprentice under anyone for a year, living or dead (but not a bible character), who would you choose and why?*
- 2. What's something you learned mostly by watching someone else do it?*

Introduction *(Read aloud before discussion.)*

*Step four is simple: Get to know Jesus. If we are apprentices of Jesus, we need to familiarize ourselves with our Master, **his words, actions, character, and way of living**. The Gospels allow us to watch Jesus, listen to Jesus, and learn from Jesus how to live our actual lives.*

Sermon Discussion *(Use as a guide for dialogue; let God lead, and read the verses aloud.)*

LUKE 11:1–4

1. What do you notice about the disciples' approach to Jesus in this passage?
2. How might reading the Gospels change if we read them as apprentices asking, "What is my Master showing me about how to live?"

JOHN 8:7 & MARK 12:14

3. What do these moments reveal about the kind of person Jesus was?

4. What is something about Jesus (something he said, did, or the way he treated people) that you find especially compelling?

MATTHEW 7:24–29

5. What does Jesus say separates the wise person from the foolish person?
6. We often talk about Jesus being loving and kind. What changes if we also believe Jesus is brilliant about life?
7. What's the difference between seeing Jesus as an impossible model and seeing him as a Master we can actually learn from?

PULLING IT TOGETHER:

If Jesus really is your Master, what would it look like to become more familiar with him, not just to know more about him, but to learn from him how to live your life?

FURTHER STUDY — READ JOHN 5:39–40

- Jesus tells people who knew Scripture extremely well that the Scriptures pointed to him, yet they refused to come to him for life.
- Discuss: What's the difference between knowing the Bible and allowing the Bible to lead us to Jesus himself?
- This week: Read some of Matthew together. Don't worry about covering a certain amount. Simply ask as you read: What is our Master showing us about how to live?